

### Self Regulated Proper E Liquid Manufacturing

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### Michael Guasch

- 20 years of experience in specialty chemical manufacturing
- Inc. 500 fastest growing privately held companies 3 years in row 2003-2005
- Sold the business to DuPont Chemical Company in 2005
- Continued specialty contract manufacturing for DuPont
  Started E Liquid
  Manufacturing in 2013









#### Overview

- specializing in eliquid manufacturing for branded product lines Molecule Labs, Inc. is a contract manufacturer , By Chart god
- Molecule Labs does not own any brands of eliquid
- Self regulated, proper eliquid manufacturing
- AEMSA Standards, BSI PAS 54115; 2015

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- **Quality Control**
- Financial statistics

Improper eliquid manufacturing



# Proper eLiquid Manufacturing

- Conform to AEMSA Standards
- Utilize BSI (British Standards Institute) as applicable
- Develop self imposed Standard Operating Procedures
- Batch test as needed
- ISO Certified Cleanroom Manufacturing
- **Employee Nicotine Exposure Control**





## **AEMSA Certified Member**



### AMERICAN E-LIQUID MANUFACTURING STANDARDS

This picture is on the AEMSA Home Page





## **AEMSA Certified Facility**







# British Standards Institute (BSI)

#### PAS 54115: 2015

Manufacture, importation, testing and labeling Guide

- Vaping products including:
- electronic cigarettes
- e-liquids
- e-shisha
- And directly-related products

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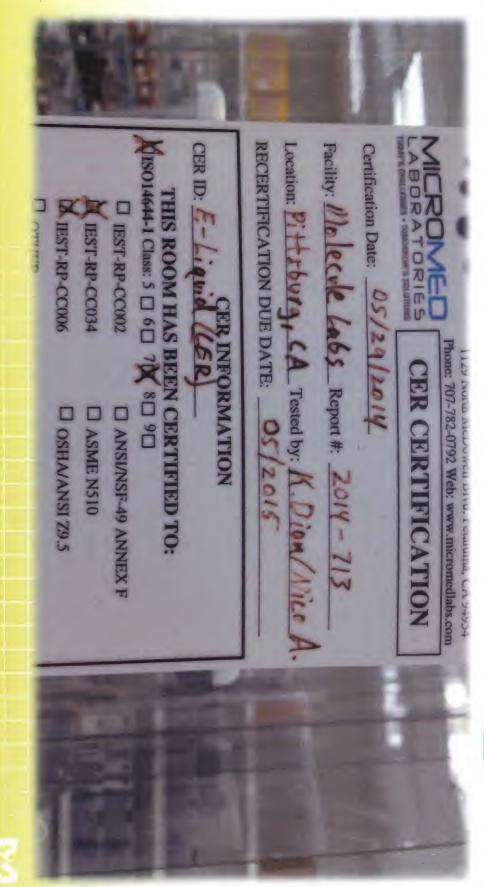
# Clean and Organized Manufacturing





## ISO Certified Cleanroom





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## Inside the Cleanroom





## Small Batch Processing



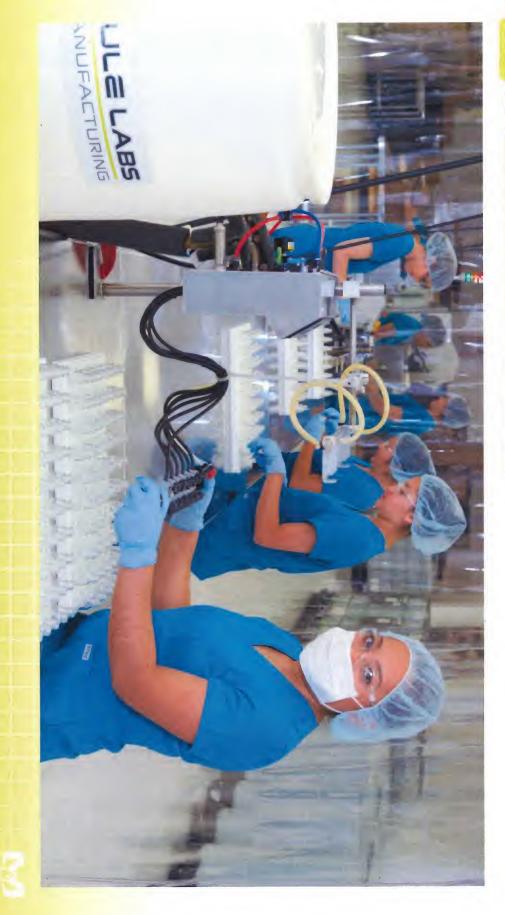


# Automatic Filling Equipment





## Semi Automatic Filling



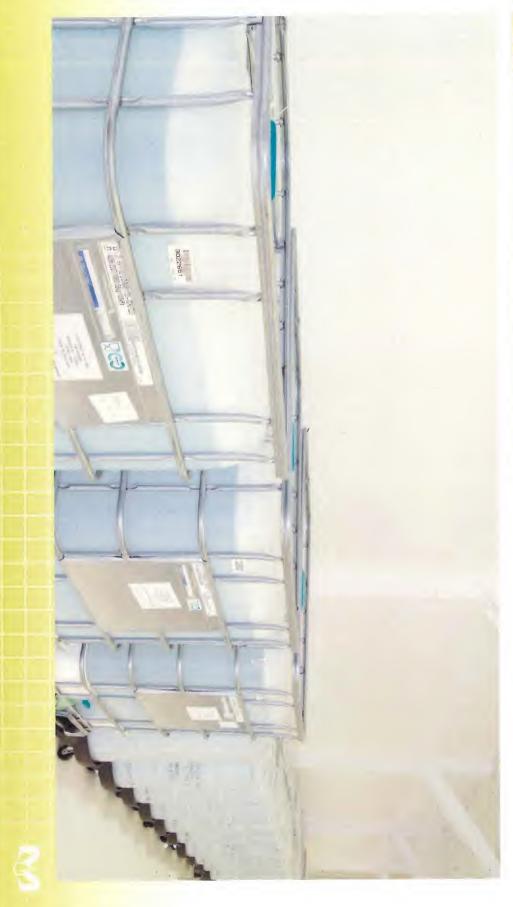


## Clean Packaging Storage





### Clean Bulk Storage



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# Quality Control Sample Analysis

- Incoming Raw Material (random)
- Color, smell, clarity
- Density
- Refractive Index
- Nicotine concentration
- Finished Product (random)
- Color, smell, clarity
- Density
- Refractive Index
- Nicotine concentration







## Quality Control per Batch





Testing Apparatus for:

- Density
- Refractive Index
- Allows for Consistent results



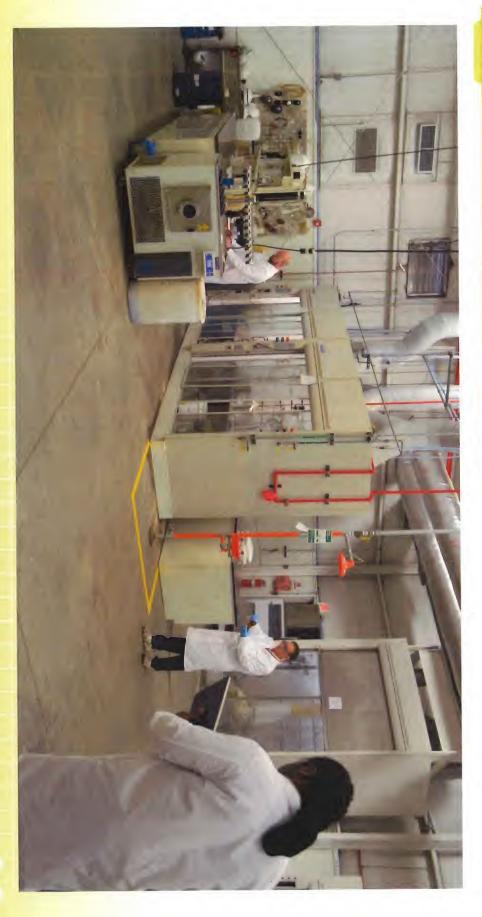


# Nicotine Quality Control Tests





## Nicotine Processing Lab







# Worker Safety, Fume Extraction

- Nicotine Fume Extraction
- Extracts nicotine fumes during nicotine processing
- Returns HEPA and Carbon filtered fresh air back into clean room
- All nicotine processing employees are tested for nicotine exposure using air pumps for 8 hour shift





# Nicotine from Kentucky Tobacco

American
Tobacco
Farmers are
now selling
their tobacco
for a greater
price to the
eliquid
industry





### Waste Water

- Our rinse water from a 3 mg/ml is <0.100 ND
- Our rinse water from a 18 mg/ml is <0.148
- Triple rinse of 99% nicotine
- Rinse #1 = .574 ppm (recycled)
- Rinse #2 = < 0.100 ppm ND
- Rinse #3 = < 0.100 ppm ND
- Less than 50 gallons per month of <0.148
- 18 mg/ml skus are shrinking weekly
- Environmental Impact, Negligible





# Research and Development 2015

- New Chemist
   Hired November
   2015
- \$250K in R & D
   Budget
- \$150K in R&D Equipment
- Developing safer flavors



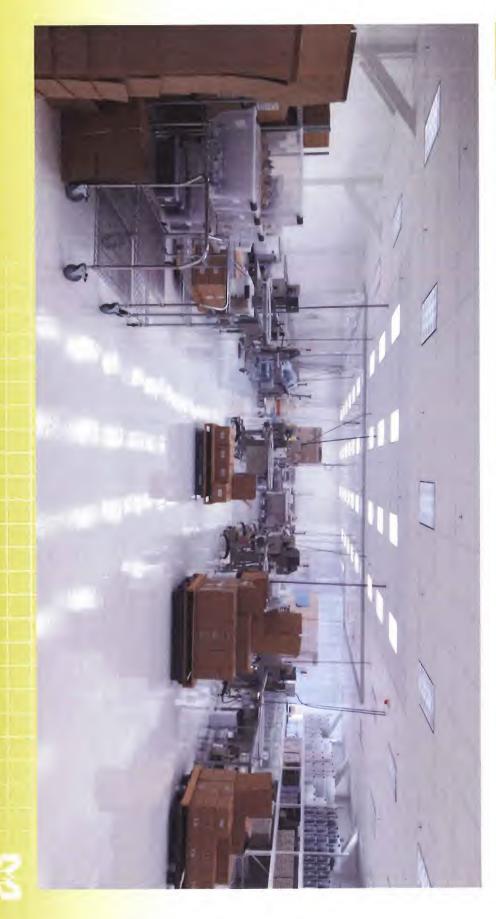


### 4 Production Lines





## Everyday Manufacturing





### The Wrong Way











### November 2014

- 9000 more sq. ft.
- 2000 sq. ft.
   clean room
- \$500K
   investment
- 12 head fully automatic filling line
- mo. capacity





# New \$2 Million Build Out - 2016





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# New Building - November 2015

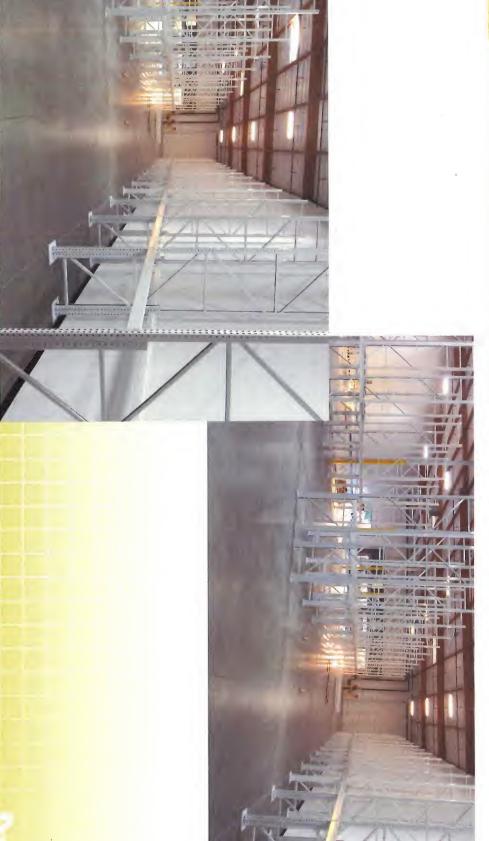
- 67,000 sq. ft.
- 8000 sq. ft. clean room
- 25,000 sq. ft. manufacturing floor
- \$2 million investment
- 8 line capacity
  4 MM bottle a mo.
  capacity
  22,000 sq. ft.
  fulfillment center
- 20 new employees



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## New Warehouse Build out





## Infrastructure Statistics

#### 2015

- 21,000 sq. ft.
   leased building
- 40 employees
- \$1MM capital expenditures
- Increased R&D investment by \$250K
- Output capacity
   1MM bottles per month

#### 2016 projected

- 67,000 sq. ft. leased building
- 60 employees
- \$2MM capital expenditures
- Increased R&D investment by \$500K
- Output capacity
   2MM bottles per month

#### 2017 projected

- 67,000 sq. ft. leased building
- 80 employees
- \$.5MM capital expenditures
- Increased R&D investment by \$250K yr.
- Output capacity
   3MM bottles per month



### **Financial Statistics**

#### 2015 projected

#### 9,000,000 bottles produced

- Retail value average \$16
- Vapor Store
   Retail sales of
   \$144 Million

#### 2016

#### **Projected**

- 20,000,000
   bottles
   projected
- Retail value average \$16
- Vapor Store
   Retail sales of
   \$320 Million

#### 2017

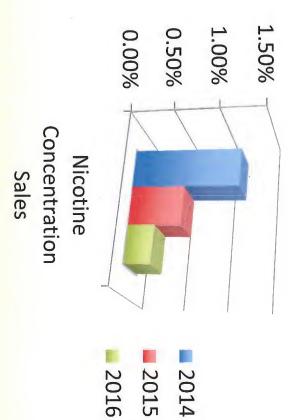
#### **Projected**

- 30,000,000 bottles projected
- Retail value average \$16
- Vapor Store
  Retail sales of
  \$480 Million



### over 3 years (approx.) Average Nicotine Use Reduction

- 2014 1.2%
- 2015 .6%
- 2016 .3% projected



Approx. averages based on overall sales to customers





# Proposed Deeming Regulations

- We embrace science based regulation to improve the industry and promote public safety
- We feel we will be able to meet the PMTA for manufacturing protocols and non clinical data required
- the PMTA Public Health Population Impact for each We are concerned our customers may be unable to meet product
- Without our customers, we would have no business





### Questions?